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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**TWO INDEPENDENCE FELONS, KC FELON INDICTED
FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three felons were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. Today's indictments are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Jimmy W. Hunsucker**, 36, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Hunsucker** was in possession of a Davis Industries .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Sept. 14, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hunsucker** has a 1995 criminal felony conviction for stealing, four 1993 criminal felony convictions for burglary, receiving stolen property, tampering and stealing a motor vehicle, three 1988 criminal felony convictions for tampering and stealing a motor vehicle and a 1986 criminal felony conviction for arson.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Evan Jemahl Jones**, 35, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Jones** was in possession of a Stevens 12-gauge shotgun on June 26, 2004. In a notice of special findings, the indictment alleges that the shotgun Jones possessed was a "short-barreled shotgun." Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal

for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has two 1990 criminal felony convictions for aggravated assault and sexual assault.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Carroll County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Earlen L. Brown, Jr.**, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Brown** was in possession of a Winchester .22-caliber rifle on Sept. 1, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Brown** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for receiving stolen property and a 1998 criminal felony conviction for drug trafficking.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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